

Vocabulary	Definition	In Context
1. bitterness-		
2. tumbleweed-		

Questions	Responses (Responses should be thorough and complete)
1. Personification is a figure of speech in which a thing, quality, or idea is represented by human characteristics. In <i>The Dream</i> , Billie Joe personifies the piano as her mother. What characteristics of her mother does she find in the piano?	
2. How many months has it been since Ma died (look in <i>Midnight Truth</i>)? Describe Billie Joe's relationship with her dad. Describe her feelings towards her Ma?	
3. Why does Billie Joe leave? Is she moving toward a goal or is she running away from something?	
4. In <i>Gone West</i> , who do you think the girl is that Billie recognizes?	

<p>5. Why do you think Billie decided to come home?</p> <p>Put yourself in Billie's shoes and decide for yourself if you would come home or stay in Flagstaff. Why?</p>	
<p>6. How is Billie's decision to come home a turning point in the story?</p> <p>Literally?</p> <p>Figuratively?</p>	
<p>7. What significant plot developments happen in <i>Met</i>?</p> <p>How can you apply this lesson or realization in your own life?</p>	

Free write or draw space (ideas or thoughts about the book thus far):

Activity	
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Write a diary entry as if you were Billie Joe's father and you just discovered that she was gone. Historical setting must be an influence in your writing.

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Discussion Topics	Notes on My First Thoughts	Synthesis of Class
1. Discuss the irony or significance of Billie's leaving and her return.		

